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ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: The following Office of Personnel Management (OPM) regulations are scheduled for development or review from April 1, 1996, through March 31, 1997. This agenda carries out OPM's responsibilities to publish a semiannual agenda under E.O. 12866 "Regulatory Planning and Review" and the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6). This publication in the

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| 3820 | Prevailing Rate Systems: Redefinition of the Guaynabo-San Juan, Puerto Rico, Nonappropriated Fund Wage Area | 3206-AH03 |
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Prerule Stage

3731. AVAILABILITY OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION**Priority:** Other**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 552 Freedom of Information Act**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 294**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The proposed rulemaking will make minor changes to subpart A of 5 CFR 294, Availability of Official Information Act. The rulemaking will provide additional information on the definition of terms used in the search

and review process, update office addressees, and clarify that any written request that meets the specified marking and content requirements will be recognized as an official FOIA request. These changes are designed to benefit the public by providing updated information on where to direct FOIA requests, and improve the wording of the regulation to fully and accurately meet the provisions of the FOIA. There will be no significant change to the existing operational procedures in place at OPM.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
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| ANPRM | 12/00/96 | |
| Final Action | 03/00/97 | |

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Prerule Stage

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3732. PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL FOR THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 4315**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 430(c)**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Proposed revision of SES regulations in 5 CFR 430, subpart C, will focus on: 1) changes which increase agency flexibility to develop SES appraisal systems tailored to their needs; 2) elimination of language which merely repeats statutory provisions; and, 3) simplification of agency submission requirements for approval of their SES appraisal systems.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
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| ANPRM | 04/00/96 | |

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Proposed Rule Stage

3733. SUMMER EMPLOYMENT**Priority:** Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; EO 10577**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 338.202(b)(2); 5 CFR 213.3101(c); 5 CFR 213.3101(e); 5 CFR 213.3101(f); 5 CFR 338.2029(e)**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: OPM abolished the Federal Personnel Manual (FPM) December 31, 1993. In support of the reinventing Government effort, OPM will revise or eliminate text in the CFR that refers to summer employment.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|---------|
| NPRM | 04/00/96 | |
| Final Action | 09/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AG21

3734. • PERSONNEL RECORDS**Priority:** Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in

the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 552; 5 USC 4315; EO 12107; 5 USC 1103; 5 USC 1104; 5 USC 1302; EO 9830; 5 USC 2951; 5 USC 3301; EO 12107**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 293**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The regulatory changes will: (1) simplify the requirements for maintaining employee personnel records, (2) clarify agency responsibility for personnel recordkeeping as delegated by the regulation, and (3) give greater latitude to agencies in establishing and maintaining employee medical and performance records.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|---------|
| NPRM | 04/00/96 | |
| Final Action | 06/30/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AH24

3735. TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENTS OF EMPLOYEES BETWEEN FEDERAL AGENCIES, STATE, LOCAL, AND INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, AND OTHER ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 33**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 334**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Changes in the regulations to incorporate revisions to the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) contained in the Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995; and incorporate any requirements in Federal Personnel Manual (FPM) Chapter 334 that need to be continued following abolishment of the Chapter under FPM Sunset. Other procedural guidance from FPM Chapter 334 will be issued in an information handbook or manual.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
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| NPRM | 06/00/96 | |
| Final Action | 09/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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3736. • RIF AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 1302; 5 USC 3502; 5 USC 3503**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 351; 5 CFR 430**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is proposing regulations that provide agencies with new options to award employees retention service credit in reduction in force based on the employees' performance ratings. These regulations reflect the new flexibility agencies have to use as few as two summary rating levels for appraisals of non-SES employees provided in final performance management regulations OPM published on 8/23/95, at 60 FR 43936. These proposed regulations also make other conforming technical and editorial changes in parts 351 and 430.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
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| NPRM | 04/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AH32**3737. TRAINING****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 41**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 410**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Changes in the regulations to: (1) incorporate revisions to the Government Employees Training Act (GETA) contained in the Federal Workforce Restructuring Act of 1994; (2) incorporate any requirements in Federal Personnel Manual (FPM) chapter 410 that need to be continued following abolishment of the chapter

under FPM sunset; and (3) incorporate authority granted to agency heads in FPM Letter 410-34 (provisionally retained) to designate Presidential appointees, other than agency heads, for training. Other procedural guidance from chapter 410 will be issued in an information handbook or manual.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
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| NPRM | 04/00/96 | |
| Final Action | 06/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AF99**3738. • PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL IN THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 4315**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 430, subpart C**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Proposed revision of SES regulations will focus on changes that will increase agency flexibility to develop SES appraisal systems tailored to their needs; elimination of language that merely repeats statutory provisions; and simplification of agency submission requirements for approval of appraisal systems.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
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| NPRM | 06/30/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AH34**3739. • CLASSIFICATION APPEALS****Priority:** Other**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5112**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 511**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The classification appeals regulations require updating because of changes in the classification appeals procedures resulting from reorganizations within OPM. Agencies are by law required to apply classification criteria in accordance with guidelines and standards issued by OPM. Agencies and employees may request OPM to review the classification of a position under chapter 51 of title 5, United States Code. Changes in the organizational structure of OPM have necessitated that procedures be amended to streamline the appeals process to insure that OPM appeal decisions are responsive and timely.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
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| NPRM | 09/01/96 | |
| Final Action | 12/01/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AH38**3740. PAY ADMINISTRATION: MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5304; 5 USC 5365; 5 USC 5753; 5 USC 5527; 5 USC 5596; 5 USC 5941; 5 USC 5754**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 531; 5 CFR 536; 5 CFR 550; 5 CFR 551; 5 CFR 591; 5 CFR 575; 5 CFR 610; 5 CFR 630; 5 CFR 304**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This proposed regulation amends 5 CFR 531, 536, 550, 551, 575, 591 and 630 with miscellaneous technical corrections and clarifying changes.

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| NPRM | 06/00/96 | |
| Final Action | 12/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AH11

3741. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS: CLARIFICATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

Priority: Other**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5343**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The proposed regulation is to clarify responsibilities of Federal agencies for providing certain technical and survey sampling services necessary to conduct Federal Wage System local wage surveys.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
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| NPRM | 04/00/96 | |
| Final Action | 05/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AG99

3742. • PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; REDEFINITION OF THE ONEIDA, NEW YORK, NONAPPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREA

Priority: Other**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5343**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: OPM plans regulatory actions to abolish the Oneida, NY,

nonappropriated fund (NAF) wage area and to establish a new Jefferson, NY, NAF wage area with a survey area consisting of Jefferson County--currently an unsurveyed county in the Oneida wage area. This change is necessary because the closing of the wage area host activity, Griffiss Air Force Base, left Oneida County without an activity having the capability to conduct a wage survey.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
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| NPRM | 04/00/96 | |
| Final Action | 07/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AH41

3743. LUMP-SUM PAYMENTS FOR ANNUAL LEAVE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5553**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 550, subpart L**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Technical and Miscellaneous Civil Service Amendments Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-378, October 2, 1992) created a new provision, 5 U.S.C. 5553, to provide OPM with regulatory authority for administering lump-sum payments for annual leave.

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RIN: 3206-AF38

3744. SEVERANCE PAY: MISCELLANEOUS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5595**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 550, subpart G**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The proposed regulation makes changes in the severance pay regulations to clarify policy and make miscellaneous technical corrections.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
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| NPRM | 06/00/96 | |
| Final Action | 11/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AH12

3745. PAY ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE FLSA

Priority: Routine and Frequent**Legal Authority:** 29 USC 204(f)**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 551**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Proposed revisions to regulations would delete nonexistent sections under Subpart B, update antiquated references, simplify regulatory language, and add special exemption categories stemming from court decisions, such as computer specialists under professional exemption criteria.

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| Action | Date | FR Cite |
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| NPRM | 09/00/96 | |
| Final Action | 12/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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Proposed Rule Stage

3746. COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE IN NONFOREIGN AREAS: SURVEY RESULTS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5941**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 591**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management will issue proposed regulations implementing any increases in nonforeign area cost-of-living allowance (COLA) rates indicated by COLA survey results. Section 5941 of title 5, United States Code, provides for the payment of nonforeign area cost-of-living allowances (COLA's) in Alaska, Hawaii, and other nonforeign overseas areas. The Office of Personnel Management conducts living-cost surveys to set COLA rates. Reductions in nonforeign area COLA rates are prohibited by the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriations Act, 1992, as amended, through December 31, 1998, and will not be proposed during the restricted period.

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Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AH07**3747. RETIREMENT; CSRS AND FERS AMENDMENTS RELATING TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS****Priority:** Other**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8347(a); 5 USC 8461(g)**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 841; 5 CFR 842**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: These regulations implement the special retirement provisions applicable to certain health care professionals employed by the Veterans Health Service and other designated agencies.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
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| NPRM | 05/00/96 | |
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RIN: 3206-AG57**3748. RETIREMENT; CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8347(a); 5 USC 8461(g); 38 USC 4331**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 8347(a); 5 CFR 8461(g); 5 CFR 842.306; 5 CFR 842.307**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: These regulations implement changes in the treatment of certain military service under CSRS and FERS required under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Act of 1994 (USERA).

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
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| NPRM | 05/00/96 | |
| Final Action | 10/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AG58**3749. RETIREMENT; DETERMINATIONS OF MARITAL STATUS FOR SURVIVOR ANNUITIES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8347; 5 USC 8461**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 842; 5 CFR 843**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: These regulations would establish the standards of evidence that

OPM will require to prove entitlement to a survivor annuity as the surviving spouse of a deceased employee or retiree.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|---------|
| NPRM | 09/00/96 | |
| Final Action | 01/00/97 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AG60**3750. • RETIREMENT; SERVICE CREDIT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8347**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 831, subpart C**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: These regulations would provide that no retirement credit could be granted for periods of service for which retirement deductions were refunded and not repaid even when the refund was paid based on an erroneous separation.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|---------|
| NPRM | 04/00/96 | |
| Final Action | 08/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AH37**3751. RETIREMENT; DEBT COLLECTION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8347; 5 USC 8461**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 835(e)**Legal Deadline:** None

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Abstract: These regulations will amend the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) regulations by consolidating existing regulations in three different subparts of the CSRS regulations and 5 CFR 845 in the FERS regulations to eliminate duplication of the provisions governing debt collection. This item is for subpart E of the new part 835, which will address collections of Government claims from payments made by OPM.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM | 10/05/92 | 57 FR 45753 |
| NPRM | 06/00/96 | |
| Final Action | 10/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AE72

3752. RETIREMENT; COURT ORDERS AWARDING SURVIVOR ANNUITIES; CORRECTING OR SUPPLEMENTING THE FIRST ORDER DIVIDING MARITAL PROPERTY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347; 5 USC 8461

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 838

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations would establish standards for determining which supplemental or correcting court orders are not "modifications" and the procedures applicable to such orders. They also provide for the continuation of the former spouse's survivor coverage and the reduction in the retiree's annuity until the State court decides the extent of the former spouse's rights to retirement benefits.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|---------|
| NPRM | 04/00/96 | |
| Final Action | 07/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG28

3753. RETIREMENT; FERS ELECTIONS OF COVERAGE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347(a); 5 USC 8461(g); PL 99-335, sec 301(d)(3)

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 846

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations implement title III of the Federal Employees Retirement System Act of 1986, as amended, dealing with the election of FERS coverage by employees under the Civil Service Retirement System and certain other employees. The regulations contain regulatory and interpretative rules concerning employees' eligibility to elect FERS coverage, procedures for electing FERS coverage, and basic benefits based on the service for employees who elect FERS coverage.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 05/21/87 | 52 FR 19235 |
| Interim Final Rule | 09/13/93 | 58 FR 47821 |
| NPRM | 08/00/96 | |
| Final Action | 12/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG96

3754. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM: MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES

Priority: Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8716

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 870

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations include a group of changes to FEGLI regulations that will clarify procedures for signing and witnessing designations of beneficiary, accepting designations of beneficiary by facsimile, accepting DNA evidence to establish paternity, etc.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|---------|
| NPRM | 12/00/96 | |
| Final Action | 06/00/97 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG63

3755. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM (FEHBP); PREEMPTION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulation to clarify the scope of the FEHBP statutory preemption of taxes, fees, and other monetary payments imposed by States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any political subdivisions or other governmental authorities and to dispel any confusion regarding the applicability of the preemption to both the FEHBP carriers and the enrollees.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|---------|
| NPRM | 01/00/97 | |
| Final Action | 07/00/97 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AF70

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3756. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM (FEHBP); OPPORTUNITIES TO ENROLL AND CHANGE ENROLLMENT**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8913**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 890**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The primary purpose of these regulations is to clarify and simplify the rules governing the opportunities to enroll or change enrollment and thereby improve our service to our customers, the individuals enrolled and eligible to enroll in the FEHBP. The regulations: (1) organize the opportunities to enroll and change enrollment into separate categories for employees, annuitants, former spouses enrolled under Spouse Equity provisions, and individuals enrolled under Temporary Continuation of Coverage; (2) further group these opportunities together based on similar characteristics, such as opportunities based on a change of employment status, or a loss of health benefits coverage; (3) standardize as much as possible the requirements for each opportunity, for example permitting individuals to enroll or change enrollment within the period beginning 31 days before and ending 60 days after the qualifying event.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|---------|
| NPRM | 06/00/96 | |
| Final Action | 11/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Barbara Myers, Retirement and Insurance Service,

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RIN: 3206-AG32

3757. • ESTABLISHING A MERIT REQUIREMENT**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** PL 91-648**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 900, subpart F**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Intergovernmental Personnel Act, Pub. L. 91-648, vests OPM with the authority to determine compliance with the Law and with resolving allegations of non-compliance through advice and assistance to Chief executives of the jurisdictions and Heads of grantor agencies. Proposed revisions to the regulations would establish a mechanism to resolve complaints regarding merit system standards required of State and local governments that receive grants-in-aid from Federal agencies. Complaints would be initially directed to the grantor agencies. Currently, there are no means for complainants to resolve issues except to make allegations to OPM.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|---------|
| NPRM | 06/01/96 | |
| Final Action | 09/30/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local

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RIN: 3206-AH39**3758. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS (FEHBP) ACQUISITION REGULATION; PREEMPTION OF TAXES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8913; 40 USC 486(c)**CFR Citation:** 48 CFR 1629; 48 CFR 1631; 48 CFR 1652**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Regulations to clarify the scope of the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program statutory preemption of taxes, fees, and other monetary payments imposed by States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any political subdivisions or other governmental authorities; and to provide guidance for the FEHB Program carriers to identify them.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|---------|
| NPRM | 01/00/97 | |
| Final Action | 07/00/97 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.

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RIN: 3206-AF95

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3759. CLAIMS COLLECTIONS STANDARDS; DEBT COLLECTION ACT OF 1982; SALARY OFFSET**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 31 USC 952; PL 95-454; 5 USC 5514**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 179**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is revising the regulations it issued on July 11, 1994, that govern the collection of debts

owed to OPM by Federal employees. These regulations implement the debt collection procedures provided under section 5 of the Debt Collection Act of 1982.

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Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|---------|
| Final Action | 12/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AG64**3760. AGENCY RELATIONSHIPS WITH ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 1104; 5 USC 71; 5 USC 7135; 5 USC 7301; EO 11491**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 251**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Regulations governing agency relations with managerial, supervisory, professional, and other organizations that are not labor organizations. The regulations are being issued as part of the implementation of the FPM sunset. The regulations incorporate certain provisions that existed in former FPM chapters 251 and 252.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM | 10/02/95 | 60 FR 51371 |
| Final Action | 04/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AG38**3761. USE OF PRIVATE SECTOR TEMPORARIES****Priority:** Other**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 552; 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; EO 10577**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 300(e)**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Revises limitations on the use of private sector temporaries, based on

comments from Federal agencies, temporary help service firms, and other interested parties.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM | 09/08/95 | 60 FR 46780 |
| Final Action | 04/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** Federal

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RIN: 3206-AE80**3762. PROMOTION AND INTERNAL PLACEMENT; ACCELERATED QUALIFICATIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 3329; EO 10577**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 316; 5 CFR 335; 5 CFR 338**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Gives agencies greater flexibility to design internal selection systems consistent with merit principles and other applicable status. NPR recommendation.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|------------|
| NPRM | 02/20/96 | 61 FR 6324 |
| Final Action | 06/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

Additional Information: Supersedes RIN 3206-AG54.

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RIN: 3206-AG19**3763. EXECUTIVE, MANAGEMENT, AND SUPERVISORY DEVELOPMENT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3397; 5 USC 4100; 5 USC 3392; 5 USC 3393; 5 USC 3393a; 5 USC 3395; 5 USC 3593; 5 USC 3595; 5 USC 4100 et seq**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 317; 5 CFR 412**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: These changes in part 412 are proposed to foster a corporate perspective among Government managers, particularly the Senior Executive Service, by providing training and development opportunities for the managerial workforce of sufficient breadth and scope to broaden the individual's vision of the Government. These revisions incorporate changes to the Government Employees Training Act that are contained in the Federal Workforce Restructuring Act of 1994 and incorporate any requirements from former Federal Personnel Manual Chapter 412 that need to be continued. The changes in part 317 eliminate the 3-year limitation on the validity of the Qualifications Review Board certification for appointment to the Senior Executive Service. Taken as a whole, these changes should improve the quality of management Governmentwide.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM | 12/11/95 | 60 FR 63454 |
| Final Action | 05/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AF96**3764. JOB LISTINGS; FULL CONSIDERATION OF DISPLACED DEFENSE EMPLOYEES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3329; PL 102-484, sec 4432**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 330; 5 CFR 335

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Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Requires agencies to report to OPM announcements of vacancies for which they will accept applications from outside their own work forces. Requires agencies to give full consideration to displaced DOD employees, Pub. L. 102-484, 5 U.S.C. 3329.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 04/08/93 | 58 FR 18139 |
| Final Action Effective | 12/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AF36

3765. • CAREER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE FOR SURPLUS AND DISPLACED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 1202; 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 3310; 5 USC 3315; 5 USC 3327; 5 USC 3502; 5 USC 3503; 5 USC 8151; 5 USC 8337(h); 5 USC 8457(b); EO 10577; EO 12828

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 330; 5 CFR 332; 5 CFR 351

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Implements a presidential directive requiring agencies to provide services and special selection priority to surplus and displaced Federal employees. Effective 2/29/96.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 06/27/94 | 60 FR 67281 |
| Final Action | 12/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH26

3766. • DELEGATION OF COMPETITIVE EXAMINING AUTHORITY; REIMBURSABLE EXAMINING SERVICES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 1104

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 332; 5 CFR 930

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Sets forth the requirement for agencies employing administrative law judges to reimburse OPM for the cost of conducting examinations.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------|----------|---------|
| Interim Final Rule | 04/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH31

3767. REDUCTION IN FORCE; RETREAT RIGHTS

Priority: Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3502(a)

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 351

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing interim retention regulations that clarify existing policy on employees' "Retreat" rights. These interim regulations also clarify existing policy concerning the content of specific written reduction in force notices, and issuance of a Certification of Expected Separation.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 08/25/95 | 60 FR 44253 |
| Final Action Effective | 03/01/96 | |
| Final Action | 06/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 3206-AG77

3768. RESTORATION TO DUTY FROM MILITARY SERVICE OR COMPENSABLE INJURY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8151; 38 USC 4301

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 353

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Restoration rights of Federal employees who leave employment to perform duty with the uniformed services, implementing USERRA Act of 1994, 48 U.S.C. Chapter 43.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 09/01/95 | 60 FR 45650 |
| Final Action | 04/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG02

3769. PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT INTERN PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: EO 12364

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 362

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Federal Personnel Manual (FPM) chapter 362 provides policy and guidance to agencies on the Presidential Management Intern Program. This Chapter is provisionally retained under the FPM Sunset until December 31, 1994. We are developing new regulations for the program to maintain Government-wide uniformity in certain program policies and procedures. Topics that will be covered under new regulations include eligibility, selection, appointment, promotion, pay and benefits, extensions, conversion, termination and resignation. Without regulations, agencies will have only the general guidance from the Executive order to assist them. Other procedural guidance from FPM Chapter 362 will be issued in an information handbook or manual.

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Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 03/01/95 | 60 FR 11017 |
| Interim Final Rule Effective Date | 03/01/95 | |
| NPRM | 10/17/95 | 60 FR 53716 |
| Final Action | 10/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AG17**3770. EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONDUCT****Priority:** Routine and Frequent**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 552(a); 5 USC 7301**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 4501; 5 CFR 1001**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Supplements for OPM employees the Executive Branch standards of ethical conduct.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|---------|
| Final Action | 12/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AG87**3771. PAY UNDER THE GENERAL SCHEDULE: TERMINATION OF INTERIM GEOGRAPHIC ADJUSTMENTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act of 1990; PL 101-509**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 530; 5 CFR 531; 5 CFR 534; 5 CFR 550; 5 CFR 575; 5 CFR 581; 5 CFR 582; 5 CFR 630**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: These proposed regulations revise the interim geographic adjustment (IGA) regulations under 5 CFR 531, by terminating IGAs in the

Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA CMSA and the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA CMSA. The locality pay percentages in these areas now exceeds the 8 percent IGA rate. Technical conforming changes are made in other affected parts of the regulations.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------|----------|------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 02/01/96 | 61 FR 3539 |
| Final Action | 06/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AH09**3772. PAY UNDER THE GENERAL SCHEDULE; LOCALITY PAY AREAS FOR 1997****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5304**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 531, subpart F**Legal Deadline:** NPRM, Statutory, January 1, 1997.

Abstract: The proposed regulations would amend 5 CFR 531, subpart F, by removing five metropolitan areas from the "Rest of the U.S." locality pay areas and establishing five new locality pay areas corresponding to these metropolitan areas for the January 1997 locality payments. The Federal Salary Council recommended the five new areas at its meeting on July 31, 1995

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM | 10/16/95 | 60 FR 53545 |
| Final Action | 06/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AG88**3773. • PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; ABOLISHMENT OF PHILADELPHIA, PA, NONAPPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREA****Priority:** Other**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5343**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The proposed regulation redefines the Philadelphia OPA, nonappropriated fund (NAF) wage area. This change is made necessary by the declining NAF Federal Wage System employment in the wage area.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 11/14/95 | 60 FR 57145 |
| Final Action | 04/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AH22**3774. • PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; CHANGES IN SURVEY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CERTAIN APPROPRIATED FUND FEDERAL WAGE SYSTEM FEDERAL WAGE AREAS****Priority:** Other**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5343**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: OPM, on behalf of the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs, proposes to change survey responsibilities for several appropriated fund Federal Wage System wage areas in recognition of shifting employment patterns among agencies and the need for lead agencies to balance their wage survey workloads throughout the 2-year survey cycle.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|------------|
| NPRM | 02/09/96 | 61 FR 4940 |
| Final Action | 06/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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3775. • PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; ABOLISHMENT OF FRANKLIN, OH, NONAPPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREA

Priority: Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5343

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: OPM plans regulatory actions to abolish the Franklin, OH, nonappropriated fund (NAF) Federal Wage System (FWS) wage area and redefine the five counties having continuing FWS employment as areas of application to the Greene-Montgomery, OH NAF wage area for pay-setting purposes. This change is necessary because the closing of the wage area host activity, Newark Air Force Base, leaves the Franklin wage area without an activity having the capability to conduct a wage survey.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------|----------|------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 01/31/96 | 61 FR 3175 |
| Final Action | 05/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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3776. VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE REPAYMENT WAIVERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 103-226

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 550

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Public Law 103-226 authorizes OPM to waive repayment of a voluntary separation incentive payment if a former employee who

accepted the incentive payment is reemployed by an executive agency of the U.S. within 5 years of separation.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 11/09/94 | 59 FR 55807 |
| Final Action | 04/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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3777. PAY ADMINISTRATION; AVAILABILITY PAY FOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5545 a(h); 5 USC 5548

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 550

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations on implementation of availability pay, a new form of premium pay for criminal investigators who are required to work, or be available to work substantial amounts of unscheduled overtime duty based on the needs of the employing agency.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 12/23/94 | 59 FR 66149 |
| Final Action | 06/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG47

3778. SEVERANCE PAY; PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION EMPLOYEES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5595

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 550, subpart G

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: To amend the severance pay regulations to address the rights of employees who are employed by the Panama Canal Commission when the United States transfers full responsibility for the management, operation, and maintenance of the Panama Canal to the Republic of Panama.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM | 07/07/95 | 60 FR 35342 |
| NPRM Comment Period End | 09/05/95 | |
| Final Action | 04/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AF89

3779. • SEPARATE MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE FOR DUTY AT JOHNSTON ISLAND

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5942a

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 591, subpart D

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed regulations would make the non-foreign separate maintenance allowance (SMA) rates on Johnston Island (a nonforeign area) the same as the SMA rates established by the State Department standardized regulations for foreign areas.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM | 10/17/95 | 60 FR 53716 |
| Final Action | 04/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH17

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3780. FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 6387**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 630(l)**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Sections 6381 through 6387 of Title 5, United States Code as added by Title II of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), Public Law 103-3, Feb. 5, 1993, provide certain Federal employees a total of 12 administrative work weeks of unpaid leave during any 12-month period for: the birth of a child and care of the newborn; placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care; care of an employee's spouse, son, daughter, or parent with a serious health condition; or the serious health condition of the employee that makes the employee unable to perform the essential functions of his or her position.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 07/23/93 | 58 FR 39596 |
| Final Action | 05/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AH10**3781. POLITICAL ACTIVITY—
FEDERAL EMPLOYEES RESIDING IN
DESIGNATED LOCALITIES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 7325**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 733**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, February 3, 1994.

Abstract: OPM has issued interim regulations pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 7325, as amended by the Hatch Act Reform Amendments of 1993, to continue in effect OPM's existing exemptions from the political activity provisions of the Hatch Act for employees residing in certain municipalities. There are no new budgetary effects, impacts such as benefits and costs, or interagency or intergovernmental effects.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------|----------|------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 02/04/94 | 59 FR 5313 |
| Final Action | 10/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AF78**3782. • POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF
FEDERAL EMPLOYEES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 1103; 5 USC 1104; 5 USC 7325; EO 12107, 3 CFR 1978 Comp. p. 264**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 734**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Congress amended the Hatch Act through the Hatch Act Reform Amendments of 1993; interim regulations with a request for comments were issued in September 1994. The interim regulations addressed employee coverage and specifically described, both in regulatory text and detailed examples, political activities which the Reform Amendments permit and prohibit. A final version of these regulations is required to advise Federal, Postal Service, and District of Columbia employees regarding the specific political activities that the Reform Amendments permit and prohibit, and to resolve issues raised in comments concerning the interim regulations.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 09/23/94 | 59 FR 48765 |
| Final Action | 09/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AH33**3783. RETIREMENT COVERAGE FOR
D.C. FINANCIAL CONTROL BOARD
EMPLOYEES****Priority:** Other**Legal Authority:** PL 104-8**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 842**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: These regulations implement the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995. They establish standards by which some former Federal employees may carry civil service retirement coverage to employment with the D.C. Financial Control Board.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------|----------|---------|
| Interim Final Rule | 06/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AG78**3784. RETIREMENT; ALTERNATIVE
FORM OF ANNUITY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8343a; 5 USC 8420a**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 831(v); 5 CFR 842(g)**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: These regulations are needed to change the date for expiration of the alternative form of annuity (AFA) for most retirees as a result of Pub. L. 103-66. They also revise the list of critical medical conditions considered as prima facie evidence of a life threatening condition for AFA.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM | 11/04/94 | 59 FR 55211 |
| Interim Final Rule | 10/25/95 | 60 FR 54585 |
| Final Action | 04/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Harold L. Siegelman, Retirement and Insurance Service, Office of Retirement Policy Development, Office of Personnel

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RIN: 3206-AG16

3785. RETIREMENT; FERS BASIC ANNUITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8461

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 842(b) to (g)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These final regulations will amend FERS Basic Annuity regulations governing Eligibility (subpart B), Credit for Service (subpart C), Computations (subpart F), and Alternative Forms of Annuity (subpart G). These regulations have been published at various times in interim final form, and have been affected by statutory changes.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 01/16/87 | 52 FR 2061 |
| Interim Final Rule | 01/16/87 | 52 FR 2067 |
| Interim Final Rule | 02/11/87 | 52 FR 4473 |
| Interim Final Rule | 02/11/87 | 52 FR 4479 |
| Interim Final Rule | 05/14/87 | 52 FR 18193 |
| Interim Final Rule | 04/08/88 | 53 FR 11635 |
| Interim Final Rule | 02/09/90 | 55 FR 4598 |
| Final Rule | 12/27/90 | 55 FR 53136 |
| Interim Final Rule | 02/19/91 | 56 FR 6549 |
| Final Action | 06/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AE73

3786. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM; MERGING OF PARTS OF CFR PERTAINING TO LIFE INSURANCE (FGLI)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8716

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 870; 5 CFR 871; 5 CFR 872; 5 CFR 873; 5 CFR 874

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations to merge and consolidate the four parts of the Code pertaining to FEGLI in order to simplify

and facilitate understanding of the FEGLI Program.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM | 05/13/95 | 60 FR 21759 |
| NPRM Comment Period End | 07/03/95 | |
| Final Action | 06/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AF32

3787. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM (FEHBP); LIMITATION ON PHYSICIAN CHARGES AND FEHBP PAYMENTS; OMNIBUS BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT (OBRA) OF 1993 PROVISION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations to implement the OBRA of 1993 which sets a limit on the charges and FEHBP benefit payments for certain physician services received by a retired enrolled individual.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 05/18/95 | 60 FR 26667 |
| Final Action | 06/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG31

3788. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM; PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR PERIODS OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY OR INSUFFICIENT PAY

Priority: Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations that establish a requirement that Federal agencies counsel employees entering nonpay status, or whose pay is insufficient to cover their FEHB premium payments, of the options of continuing or terminating their FEHB coverage, and if continuing, of paying premiums directly on a current basis or incurring a debt to be withheld from future salary. These regulations are intended to ensure employees are fully aware of these alternatives.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------|----------|---------|
| Interim Final Rule | 06/00/96 | |
| Final Action | 12/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG66

3789. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM; ACQUISITION REGULATION; TRUTH IN NEGOTIATION ACT AND RELATED CHANGES

Priority: Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913; 40 USC 486(c); PL 103-355

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 1602; 48 CFR 1608; 48 CFR 1615; 48 CFR 1652

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulation to amend the Federal Employees Health Benefits Acquisition Regulation (FEHBAR) to implement those portions of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (FAS) that make specific changes to the Truth in Negotiations Act (TINA) or that impact other areas of the FEHBAR affecting contract pricing.

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Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
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| Interim Final Rule | 06/00/96 | |
| Final Action | 10/00/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is a statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.

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3790. TIME-IN-GRADE RESTRICTIONS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; EO 10577

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 300**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Eliminates requirement that employees serve 1 year in grade to be eligible for promotion above the GS-5 level. This is separate from the qualifications requirement for 1 year experience at the next lowest grade or equivalent for promotion.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM | 06/15/94 | 59 FR 30717 |
| NPRM Comment Period End | 01/10/95 | 60 FR 2546 |

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AG06**3791. AMENDMENT TO SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS****Priority:** Other**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3328**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 300(g)**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Delegates to agencies determination whether a Federal job

applicant's failure to register with the Selective Service was knowing and willful. This change is authorized by an amendment to 5 U.S.C. 3328.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM | 04/29/88 | 53 FR 15400 |
| Next Action Undetermined | | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AD68**3792. CAREER AND CAREER-CONDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 1302; 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 3304

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 315**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Drops time limit on reinstatement eligibility and would link career tenure to completion of probation.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM | 10/20/94 | 59 FR 52925 |
| Next Action Undetermined | | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

Additional Information: Interim rule effective date 01/01/95

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RIN: 3206-AG22**3793. CAREER AND CAREER-CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT UNDER SPECIAL AUTHORITIES****Priority:** Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 1302; 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 3304(d); 5 USC 8151; 5 USC 11219; EO 10577; EO 12034; EO 12721; 22 USC 2506; 22 USC 3651; 22 USC 3652

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 315**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Revises a group of special appointment authorities to clarify requirements and to eliminate obsolete provisions.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined**Small Entities Affected:** None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AG90**3794. INTERAGENCY PLACEMENT PROGRAM****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 1302; 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 3310; 5 USC 3315; 5 USC 3327; 5 USC 3502; 5 USC 3503; 5 USC 8151; 5 USC 8337(h); 5 USC 8457(b); EO 10577; EO 12828

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CFR Citation: 5 CFR 330; 5 CFR 332; 5 CFR 351

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Originally implemented new Interagency Placement Program, which supersedes Displaced Employee Program and Interagency Placement Program.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 06/27/94 | 59 FR 32871 |
| Next Action Undetermined | | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: These provisions were superseded by 60 FR 67281 which established Career Transition Assistance for surplus and displaced Federal employees. Effective 2/29/96.

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RIN: 3206-AG11

3795. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REFORM

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 43; 5 USC 45

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 430; 5 CFR 451

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulatory changes to comply with legislative reforms in support of the National Performance Review (NPR) recommendations that decentralize performance management and incentive awards programs to the agencies.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AF57

3796. CLASSIFICATION SIMPLIFICATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 51

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 511

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Legal and regulatory changes needed for simplification of the current General Schedule (white collar) position classification system.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------|----------|---------|
| NPRM | 00/00/00 | |
| Final Action | 00/00/00 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG27

3797. PAY ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE FLSA; COMPLIANCE

Priority: Other

Legal Authority: 29 USC 204(f); 5 USC 1103(a)(5)

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 551(f)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Proposed new regulation covering the FLSA Compliance Program and simplifying the FLSA claims handling process.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|
| NPRM | 01/10/95 | 60 FR 2549 |
| Next Action Undetermined | | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AA40

3798. SUITABILITY—SUITABILITY DISQUALIFICATION/RATING ACTIONS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 7301; EO 10577; EO 11222

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 731(b) to (c)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: With the abolishment in December 1993 of the Federal Personnel Manual (FPM), certain policies and procedures enunciated in the FPM must be considered for publication in another format. Since all of these policies and procedures are important to continued program operations, some of them will be published in pamphlets for users and other more significant items will be incorporated in the Code of Federal Regulations. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has determined that these regulations are significant and require OMB review prior to publication. However, we foresee no significant issues arising from implementation of these changes.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 04/23/91 | 56 FR 18650 |
| Interim Final Rule | 09/16/94 | 59 FR 47527 |
| Next Action Undetermined | | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AC19

3799. PERSONNEL SECURITY AND RELATED PROGRAMS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 7312; 50 USC 403; EO 10450; EO 10577

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 732

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: With the abolishment in December 1993 of the Federal Personnel Manual (FPM), certain policies and procedures enunciated in the FPM must be considered for publication in another format. Since all of these policies and procedures are important to continued program

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operations, some of them will be published in pamphlets for users and other more significant items will be incorporated in the Code of Federal Regulations. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has determined that these regulations are significant and require OMB review prior to publication. However, we see no significant issues arising from implementation of these changes.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
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| Interim Final Rule | 04/23/91 | 56 FR 18650 |
| Interim Final Rule | 09/16/94 | 59 FR 47527 |
| Interim Final Rule | 10/17/94 | |

Effective Date
Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AC21

3800. INVESTIGATIONS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 93-579; 5 USC 552a

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 736

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: With the abolishment in December 1993 of the Federal Personnel Manual (FPM), certain policies and procedures enunciated in the FPM must be considered for publication in another format. Since all of these policies and procedures are important to continued program operations, some of them will be published in pamphlets for users and other more significant items will be incorporated in the Code of Federal Regulations. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has determined that these regulations are significant and require OMB review prior to publication. However, we foresee no significant issues arising from implementation of these changes.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 04/23/91 | 56 FR 18650 |
| Begin Review | 10/01/93 | |
| Interim Final Rule | 09/16/94 | 59 FR 47527 |
| Interim Final Rule | 10/17/94 | |

Effective Date
Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AB92

3801. DEBARMENTS, CIVIL MONETARY PENALTIES, AND ASSESSMENTS IMPOSED AGAINST PROVIDERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8902a

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890(j)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations will implement title I of Pub. L. 100-654, the "Federal Employees Health Benefits Amendments Act of 1988," which authorizes OPM to debar health care providers who are culpable of certain offenses from participation in the FEHBP, and to levy monetary penalties and assessments against individuals who have submitted false claims to FEHBP carriers.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 10/30/89 | 54 FR 43939 |
| NPRM | 02/04/93 | 58 FR 7052 |
| NPRM | 02/04/93 | 58 FR 7052 |

Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AD76

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT (OPM)

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3802. OTHER THAN FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT (PART-TIME, SEASONAL, AND INTERMITTENT)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 110

Completed:

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
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| Withdrawn | 03/12/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 3206-AG89

3803. • OTHER THAN FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT (PART-TIME, SEASONAL, AND INTERMITTENT)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3401; 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 340; 5 CFR 110

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Proposal would give agencies and employees more flexibility by clarifying agency authority to schedule

part-time employees on a pay period rather than a weekly basis. duplicative authorities by combining on-call and seasonal.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|-----------|----------|---------|
| Withdrawn | 03/07/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Withdrawn, combined with RIN 3206-AH19.

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RIN: 3206-AH19

3804. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS ACQUISITION REGULATIONS: FILING CLAIMS; ADDITION OF CONTRACT CLAUSE

Priority: Other

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 1604; 48 CFR 1652

Completed:

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Final Action | 04/05/96 | 61 FR 15196 |
| Final Action Effective | 03/06/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.

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3805. • APPOINTMENT OF NONSTATUS EMPLOYEES ENTITLED TO PLACEMENT IN A DIFFERENT AGENCY UPON RESTORATION TO DUTY FROM UNIFORMED SERVICE

Priority: Other

Legal Authority: 38 USC 4314; 38 USC 4315

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 213

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: To permit Schedule A appointments of excepted service employees who are entitled to placement in a different agency if their original employing agency cannot reemploy them following uniformed service. Implements Pub. L. 103-353.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 10/30/95 | 60 FR 55173 |
| Final Action | 11/02/95 | 60 FR 55653 |
| Final Action Effective | 11/02/95 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH15

3806. • REVOCATION OF SCHEDULE A AUTHORITY

Priority: Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 213

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Revoked Schedule A authority for President's Commission on Executive Exchange, which no longer exists.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Final Action | 11/02/95 | 60 FR 55653 |
| Final Action Effective | 11/02/95 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH18

3807. PERSONNEL RECORDS

Priority: Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 293

Completed:

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
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| Withdrawn | 03/13/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 3206-AF85

3808. CAREER AND CAREER CONDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 315

Completed:

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
|------------------------|----------|------------|
| Final Action | 03/08/96 | 61 FR 9321 |
| Final Action Effective | 04/08/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 3206-AG81

3809. • FUNDING OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE EXAMINATION

Priority: Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 1104

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 332; 5 CFR 930

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: OPM is issuing interim regulations to require agencies employing administrative law judges to reimburse OPM for the cost of conducting examinations for judge positions. The regulations implement Public Law 104-52 (November 19, 1995), which amended 5 U.S.C. 1104 to authorize OPM to delegate examining authority for all competitive service positions except for administrative law judges, and to require employing agencies to reimburse OPM for the cost of administrative law judge examinations.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
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| Withdrawn | 03/13/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Withdrawn, duplicate of RIN 3206-AH31.

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RIN: 3206-AH42

3810. MERIT PROMOTION PLACEMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 335

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| Withdrawn | 03/07/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Leota Edwards

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RIN: 3206-AG54**3811. REPAYMENT OF STUDENT LOANS****Priority:** Routine and Frequent**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 537**Completed:**

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
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| Withdrawn | 03/07/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Ellie Miller

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RIN: 3206-AE51**3812. • FORMAT CHANGES IN COMPENSATION REGULATIONS****Priority:** Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5338; 5 USC 5532; 5 USC 5533; 5 USC 5542(C); 5 USC 5548; 5 USC 6101; 5 USC 6104; 5 USC 6305; 5 USC 6311; 5 USC 6387; PL 93-259 Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938; PL 103-3, sec 107; EO 11228

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 531; 5 CFR 550; 5 CFR 551; 5 CFR 610; 5 CFR 630

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations revise the format of certain regulatory provisions related to Federal employees' compensation so that all definitions of terms are listed in alphabetical order.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Final Action | 12/29/95 | 60 FR 67286 |
| Final Action Effective | 12/29/95 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AH23**3813. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; ABOLISHMENT OF MARQUETTE, MI NONAPPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREA****Priority:** Other**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532**Completed:**

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Final Action | 11/28/95 | 60 FR 58497 |
| Final Action Effective | 12/28/95 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Paul Shields

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RIN: 3206-AG82**3814. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEM; TECHNICAL CORRECTION AND CLARIFICATION****Priority:** Routine and Frequent**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532**Completed:**

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Final Action | 11/28/94 | 60 FR 58497 |
| Final Action Effective | 12/28/95 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Paul Shields

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RIN: 3206-AG83**3815. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; REDEFINITION OF GUAYNABO-SAN JUAN, PR, NONAPPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREA****Priority:** Other**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532**Completed:**

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
|------------------------|----------|------------|
| Final Action | 02/15/96 | 61 FR 5922 |
| Final Action Effective | 03/18/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Paul Shields

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RIN: 3206-AG93**3816. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; SURVEY RESPONSIBILITY CHANGES****Priority:** Other**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532**Completed:**

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
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| Withdrawn | 02/12/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Angela Graham

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RIN: 3206-AG98**3817. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; REDEFINITION OF CERTAIN FEDERAL WAGE SYSTEM WAGE AREAS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532**Completed:**

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
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| Withdrawn | 02/12/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Mark Allen

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RIN: 3206-AH00**3818. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEM; REDEFINITION OF THE OCEAN, NJ, NONAPPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREA****Priority:** Other**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532**Completed:**

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
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| Withdrawn | 02/12/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Paul Shields

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RIN: 3206-AH01**3819. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; REDEFINITION OF THE PHILADELPHIA, PA, NONAPPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREA****Priority:** Other**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532

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| Withdrawn | 02/12/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Paul Shields
Phone: 202 606-2848**RIN:** 3206-AH02**3820. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS: REDEFINITION OF THE GUAYNABO-SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, NONAPPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREA****Priority:** Other**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532**Completed:**

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
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| Withdrawn | 02/12/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Paul Shields
Phone: 202 606-2848**RIN:** 3206-AH03**3821. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS: ABOLISHMENT OF THE MARIN-SONOMA, CA, NONAPPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREA****Priority:** Other**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532**Completed:**

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
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| Withdrawn | 02/12/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Paul Shields
Phone: 202 606-2848**RIN:** 3206-AH04**3822. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS: ABOLISHMENT OF CERTAIN SPECIAL WAGE SCHEDULES FOR PRINTING POSITIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532**Completed:**

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Final Action | 11/24/95 | 60 FR 57889 |
| Final Action Effective | 12/26/95 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Paul Shields
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Fax: 202 606-0824**RIN:** 3206-AH05**3823. • PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; ABOLISHMENT OF MARIN-SONOMA, CA, NONAPPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREA****Priority:** Other**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5343**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This proposed regulation redefines the Marin-Sonoma, CA nonappropriated fund (NAF) wage area. This change is made necessary by declining NAF Federal Wage System employment in the wage area.**Timetable:**

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 10/30/95 | 60 FR 55174 |
| Final Action | 02/15/96 | 61 FR 5922 |
| Final Action Effective | 03/18/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Paul Shields, Human Resources Systems Service, Office of Compensation Policy, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E St. NW., Washington, DC 20415
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Fax: 202 606-0824**RIN:** 3206-AH16**3824. • PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS: ABOLISHMENT OF OCEAN, NJ, NONAPPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREA****Priority:** Other**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5343**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This regulation redefined the Ocean, NJ nonappropriated fund (NAF) wage area. This change is made necessary by declining NAF Federal Wage System employment in the wage area.**Timetable:**

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|------------------------|----------|------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 11/01/95 | 60 FR 5523 |
| Final Action | 02/15/96 | 61 FR 5922 |
| Final Action Effective | 03/18/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Paul Shields, Human Resources Systems Service, Office of Compensation Policy, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E St. NW., Washington, DC 20415
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Fax: 202 606-0824**RIN:** 3206-AH20**3825. • PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS: REDEFINING OF CERTAIN FEDERAL WAGE SYSTEMS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5343**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** OPM plans to redefine several Federal Wage System wage areas for pay-setting purposes. OPM is engaged in an ongoing project to review the geographic definitions of selected wage areas. Based on recent review of wage and survey area boundaries, this regulation proposes redefining and/or renaming 10 wage areas.**Timetable:**

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM | 12/19/95 | 60 FR 65245 |
| Final Action | 03/18/96 | 61 FR 10879 |
| Final Action Effective | 04/17/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Mark Allen, Human Resources Systems Service, Office of Compensation Policy, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E St. NW., Washington, DC 20415
Phone: 202 606-2848**RIN:** 3206-AH27**3826. • PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; ABOLISHMENT OF MERCED, CA, NONAPPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREA****Priority:** Other**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5343**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** OPM plans regulatory actions to abolish the Merced, Ca, nonappropriated fund (NAF) Federal Wage System (FWS) wage area and redefine the county having continuing

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FWS employment (Fresno County) as an area of application to the Kern, CA, NAF wage area for pay-setting purposes. This change is necessary because the closing of the wage area host activity, Castle Air Force Base, leaves the Merced wage area without an activity having the capability to conduct a wage survey.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--------------------|----------|------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 02/15/96 | 61 FR 5921 |
| Withdrawn | 03/14/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Withdrawn, duplicate of RIN 3206-AH40.

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3827. • PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; ABOLISHMENT OF MERCED, CA, NONAPPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREA

Priority: Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5343

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: OPM plans regulatory actions to abolish the Merced, CA, nonappropriated fund (NAF) Federal Wage System (FWS) wage area and redefine the county having continuing FWS employment (Fresno County) as an area of application to the Kern, CA, NAF wage area for pay-setting purposes. This change is necessary because the closing of the wage area host activity, Castle Air Force Base, leaves the Merced wage area without an activity having the capability to conduct a wage survey.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
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| Withdrawn | 03/13/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Withdrawn, duplicate of RIN 3206-AH30

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RIN: 3206-AH40

3828. COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE IN NONFOREIGN AREAS; WINTER 1995 SURVEYS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 591

Completed:

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
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| Withdrawn | 02/12/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH06

3829. COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE IN NONFOREIGN AREAS: SUMMER 1994 SURVEYS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 591

Completed:

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
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| Withdrawn | 02/12/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH08

3830. SEPARATE MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE FOR DUTY AT JOHNSTON ISLAND

Priority: Routine and Frequent

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 591(d)

Completed:

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
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| Withdrawn | 02/12/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG72

3831. FEGLI; ASSIGNMENT OF LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE

Priority: Other

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 870

Completed:

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
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| Withdrawn | 02/16/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG68

3832. FEGLIP; LIVING BENEFITS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 870

Completed:

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
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| Withdrawn | 02/16/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG79

3833. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM: HMO PLAN APPLICATIONS

Priority: Other

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890

Completed:

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Final Action | 12/08/95 | 60 FR 62987 |
| Final Action Effective | 02/06/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG97

3834. • FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM; FILING CLAIMS: DISPUTED CLAIMS PROVISIONS

Priority: Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations to clarify provisions with regard to disputed

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Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program Claims

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Interim Final Rule | 03/29/95 | 60 FR 16037 |
| Final Action | 04/05/96 | 61 FR 15177 |
| Final Action Effective | 05/06/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH36

3835. SOLICITATION OF FEDERAL CIVILIAN AND UNIFORMED SERVICE PERSONNEL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 950

Completed:

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Final Action | 11/24/95 | 60 FR 57889 |
| Final Action Effective | 11/24/95 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG50

3836. FEHBP; INTEREST ASSESSMENT ON AUDIT FINDINGS

Priority: Other

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 1652.215-70

Completed:

| Reason | Date | FR Cite |
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| Withdrawn | 02/16/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG35

3837. • AGENCY FUNDING FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3327; 5 USC 3330

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 330; 5 CFR 333; 5 CFR 335

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Requires each agency to pay a fee for its share of the cost of providing employment information through OPM to Federal employees and to the public.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM | 01/08/96 | 61 FR 546 |
| NPRM Comment Period End | 02/07/96 | |
| Final Action | 03/21/96 | 61 FR 11499 |
| Final Action Effective | 03/21/96 | |

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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